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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, IN, UR

SUBJ: SOVIET WHEAT FOR INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 9025

1. AS MENTIONED POINT 5 REFTEL NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND RUMORS CIRCULATING THAT INDIA HAS ASKED OR WILL ASK SOVIET UNION FOR WHEAT. WHEAT REPORTEDLY WOULD BE LOAN TO BE REPAID IN KIND BY INDIA AT A LATER DATE. WHEAT WOULD COME FROM STOCKS IN SOVIET UNION OR DIVERSION OF SOVIET PURCHASED US WHEAT. MENTION ALSO MADE THAT INDIA ASKED SOVIET UNION FOR WHEAT LAST DECEMBER BUT WAS TURNED DOWN.

2. GOI CONTACT WHO HAS GENERALLY PROVEN RELIABLE IN PAST STATED INDIA DID ASK SOVIETS FOR WHEAT LAST YEAR, PRESUMABLY ON LOAN BASIS, BUT WAS TURNED DOWN. FURTHER INDICATED THAT ADDITIONAL APPROACH MADE RECECFLY ABOUT SUPPLYING WHEAT ON LOAN BUT REPLIES HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE. DISCUSSIONS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE PRIMARILY  
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IN MOSCOW. DISCUSSIONS EVIDENTLY CONTINUING.

3. WIDE RANGE OF RUMORS ON TERMS. THESE RANGE FROM SOVIET REQUIRED FOR HARD CURRENCY AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES, TO INDIAN PROPOSAL FOR 2-3 YEAR REPAYMENT IN KIND (WITH INTEREST) OR SIMPLE SWAP ARRANGEMENT ON DELIVERY DATES OF SOVIET AND INDIAN PURCHASES OF US OR OTHER WHEAT.

4. COMMENT: IN NEXT 2-3 MONTHS INDIAN FOODGRAIN SITUATION LIKELY BECOME PROGRESSIVELY TIGHTER. RELIEF NOT EXPECTED UNTIL GRAIN BEGINS ARRIVING ON MARKET FROM FALL HARVEST AND RECENTLY PURCHASED IMPORTS.  
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